

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method comprising the step of:

operating a publicly-traded limited liability company having public investors, said

5 publicly-traded limited liability company owning a majority portion of a real estate investment trust, said real estate investment trust being owned by said publicly-traded limited liability company and minority investors, said real estate investment trust not being subject to federal income tax on its distributed income.

THIS IS A  
101 PROBLEM.  
NOT USEFUL  
CONCRETE  
OR TANGIBLE

10 2. A method according to claim 1, wherein said operating comprises at least one of the following steps: distributing dividends received from said real estate investment trust to the public investors, retaining dividends received from said real estate investment trust, and  
15 reinvesting dividends received from said real estate investment trust as growth capital for said real estate investment trust.

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1, MAKES  
CLAIM 1  
OK - NO  
101 ISSUE

20 3. A method according to claim 1, wherein said publicly-traded limited liability company has interests segmented into income interests and growth interests.

BUT...

4. A method according to claim 1, wherein said publicly-traded limited liability company  
25 receives income from said real estate investment trust, said income comprising dividends received from said real estate investment trust.

BUT THIS IS CHANGING. LAW IS BEING DEVELOPED  
THAT MAY REQUIRE "TECHNOLOGY" TO BE CLAIMED.  
DISCLOSED TECHNOLOGY THAT IS NOT CLAIMED MAY NOT  
COUNT.